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In Re Application of:

Choe et al.

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Group Art Unit: 1638

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Title: *Dwf7* MUTANTS

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

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Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 29, 2002 for which a response is initially due February 28, 2002. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

The Examiner required election of one of the following groups of claims:

Group I. Claims, 1-5, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, and 22 drawn to an isolated mutant *dwf7* polynucleotide sequence, SEQ ID NO:20 encoding SEQ ID NO:21, recombinant vector with promoter, transgenic plant and method for altering sterol composition;

Group II. Claims, 6-7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, and 23 drawn to an isolated HDF7 polynucleotide sequence SEQ ID NO:22 with recombinant vector with promoter, transgenic plant and method for altering sterol composition;

Group III Claims, 24-26 drawn to a DWF7 protein;

Group IV Claims, 27-28 drawn to a HDF7 protein;

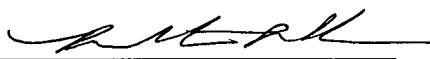
Group V Claims, 29-30, 32, and 34 drawn to a DWF7 promoter and method of producing a recombinant polypeptide; and

Group VI Claims 31, 33, 35 drawn to a HDF7 promoter and method of producing a recombinant polypeptide.

Applicants elect to proceed with the claims of Group I, claims 1-5, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, and 22, without traverse. Applicants expressly reserve their right under 35 USC §121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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